Granting Special Status to Rajasthan

340. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has recently demanded for granting special status to it in view of its proximity to the sensitive borders of Pakistan;

(b) whether it has also demanded 100 percent Central grants for the modernisation of the Police Force to deal with the situation;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government of Rajasthan has sought 100 per cent grant under Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces.They have further suggested the cost sharing ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States under the Scheme, without any loan component. The suggestions made by different State Governments, including the Government of Rajasthan, have been considered by the Review committee constituted by Government to make recommendations for improving the implementation of the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces.

Incidents of Shooting by Jawans of Para-Military Forces

†341. SHRI BALKAVIBAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to fully stop the increasing incidents of shooting higher officers and colleagues by the jawans of various para-military forces and also to get the jawans rid off mental stresses and strains; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and by when it would be implemented?

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